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MARYLAND GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1780.

PHILADELPHIA, *Nov.* 29.

AS many reports have been circulated about the Alliance frigate having come from France, without the clothing for the army; the public may be assured, that the frigate brought all the ſtores ſhe could ſtow, inſomuch, that if ſhe had met with an enemy at ſea, it was the opinion of her officers, ſhe muſt have thrown ſome of them overboard, to enable her to fight.

Could we believe the accounts written by the enemy for publication, their army are in great health and vigour, and their loſs ſo inconſiderable in South-Carolina, that, they can carry all before them; but here we preſent the overflowing of one tory heart to another, meant to be conveyed in letters taken on board the ſhip Sarah, captain Matthews, from South-Carolina to New-York, and leave our readers to make their own comments.

Extract of a letter from I. P. Ardeſoif, to lieutenant Laugharne, of the royal navy, dated Charles-town, Sept. 17, 1780.

"As to Mr. Scott, make yourſelf perfectly eaſy with reſpect to him, for the admiral took him out of the Scorpion laſt winter, and, I am told, he has been a lieutenant ſome time. The good old boy and I have not ſeen each other ſince the ſiege. I flatter myſelf you will hear of a coup de maitre, by him, againſt the French ere I ſhall, as all the grand operations of his quadron are, I hope, taking effect to the northward; while poor me, with one ſloop and a few allies, are attending the operations of the immortal lord Cornwallis, the heaven born colonel arleton, and the glorious and ſpirited lord Rawdon, whoſe praiſe I ſhould not enter into too far, as he is my countryman; but, I may ſay, without partiality, three ſuch men never honoured a field of battle before them."

Another from Thomas Miller, to Meſſrs. Berry and Rogers, in New-York, dated Charles-town, Sept. 27, 1780.

"I cannot omit congratulating every friend upon our ſucceſs in this country. I have been preſent at every action and came off unhurt, though my company has had no leſs than twenty *Sawneys* killed and wounded this campaign."

Another from C. Vallancey, to captain Vallancey, in New-York, dated September 29, 1780.

"Finding the veſſel had not yet ſailed, I thought I had better write, as your honour might be offended by my letting ſlip the opportunity. Lord Cornwallis lies with his army ſtill at Waxaw, Cheraw-hill, and ſome other poſts on the borders of North-Carolina, and the people, between that and the bar of Charles-town, are as quiet as mice. Hays, who wrote to you ſome days ſince, is recovering, after another fit of the fever, and your humble ſervant is a good deal better. We are gaping every day towards the bar, but duce a veſſel from York, and the number of privateers that infeſt the coaſt, make us apprehenſive leaſt ſome of our good friends, perhaps colonel Dayle, may have been taken

"When you write, pray ſend a bag of news, the ſcrapings of Rivington's brain.

"We expect a great deal from Sir Henry, but I am of opinion that he has not yet completed his manœuvres on the heights of the north river; and, I think, general Waſhington's well acquainted with that ſpot and the Jerſies. I have wrote to father and promiſed him a thouſand things, and have not complained a little about his paultry offer of a lieutenancy, inſtead of the 300. I hope I have not offended the old gentleman.

"This is a damned expenſive place."

Another from J. King, to captain J. White, of the Dependence galley, New-York, dated Charles-town, September 30, 1780.

"I have long flattered myſelf with the pleaſing expectation of a line from you, in return to what I ſent you in June laſt: I now repeat my wiſh of hearing from you and family; for be aſſured there are very few whom I eſteem ſo much as the former, or whoſe welfare I feel myſelf more intereſted in than the latter. I ſhall be happy in hearing your merit has met its juſt reward.

"I cannot ſay but I like this town better than New-York (prejudice and certain attachments aſide). I believe I ſhall remain here for at leaſt eight months. Providentially I have eſcaped peſtilence, battle and fire; I have nothing now to dread but ſudden death. Our army is ſo exceedingly weakened by ſickneſs and other caſualties, that our right honourable commander has not yet been able to penetrate into North-Carolina. I am much afraid, unleſs Sir Henry reinforces or co-operates with him, ſo deſirable and important an acquiſition will not be accompliſhed. The York volunteers and Prince of Wales cannot muſter together 150 effectives—they have purchaſed laurels, but the price was moſt exhorbitant! The 71ſt, that gallant and hardy corps, the ſole echo of whoſe name hath diſperſed thouſands, are now dwindled to a ſmall band of choſen brothers. Almoſt every other corps have ſuffered in proportion, for they had to war with a raging element as well as an obſtinate rebellion. Our friends, though far north, muſt confeſs that this remnant have performed as much as their whole."

Another from T. Wright, to R. Bayley, ſurgeon, New-York, dated Camden, Sept. 6, 1780.

"I wrote you ſome time ſince, which hope you have received: we were at that time in the greateſt quietneſs in this province, though for ſome time paſt it has been quite the reverſe; but hope the defeat of general Gates will make every thing peaceable again. As you will, no doubt, hear of it before you receive this, it is unneceſſary to trouble you with a repetion of them. Mr. Hill, who deſires his beſt compliments to you, being very ill at that time, I was ordered to go out with the army, which gave me an opportunity of ſeeing what I have no wiſh to ſee again, I mean the wounded on the field; which is certainly a moſt horrid ſight—what made it particularly diſagreeable to me was, after being buſy the moſt of the day with our own wounded, I was obliged to dreſs a great number of the rebels.

"'Tis ſaid here that general Gates is collecting another body of troops; if ſo, or not, I cannot poſitively ſay, but think it probable, as our army marches in a few days towards North-Carolina, where, I hope, we ſhall find a more plentiful place than this at preſent is, for every thing is very ſcarce here, which muſt always be the caſe when an army remains a long time in a ſmall village."

Dec. 2. Tueſday evening arrived here the brig Neptune, captain Allen, in twenty-ſeven days from St. Croix.—Many veſſels had got in there diſmaſted and otherwiſe much damaged, having put out to ſea from different Weſt-India iſlands during the late hurricane.

Wedneſday laſt arrived here the brigantine Duke of Leinſter, captain Souder, from l'Orient. By this veſſel we learn, that the court of Portugal had acceded to the family compact, and forbid the ſale, in any of their ports, of prizes to Britiſh veſſels, and alſo directing them to depart within a limited period.

Captain John Paul Jones, in an American frigate, is hourly expected to arrive in this port; having ſailed from France with the brigantine Duke of Leinſter.

On Thurſday arrived the brig American, captain Keeler, from St. Euſtatia.

The following is taken from a Holland paper, with their remark at bottom:

London, *Sept.* 1. The Allegator privateer, from London, captain Craig, has taken and brought to Falmouth, the Liberty, and Ruſſian ſnow, from Riga to Nantz, with 220 bales of hemp and 550 bars of iron. This is the firſt Ruſſian veſſel, that we know of, that the Engliſh have captured. We are very anxious to know what will be the event of this affair at the court of Ruſſia.

Since our laſt arrived a prize ſloop, from New-York bound to Charles-town, with a cargo of ſalt; ſent in by the Ariel, captain Lawler.

Since the apprehenſion of the perſons mentioned in our laſt Saturday's paper, further diſcoveries have been made, of a dangerous and infamous commerce with New-York. It appears that a partnerſhip has been formed of perſons in Philadelphia, New-Jerſey and New-York, to carry lumber, which is in ſo great demand in New-York, that boards have ſold at thirty pounds, ſpecie, per thouſand. The veſſels were cleared out for Boſton, or ſome other eaſtern port, ſteered directly for New-York, if taken they were provided with paſſports from the Britiſh admiral, which ſent them forward: when they arrived at New-York, the parties there took the management; the cargo was depoſited generally, at the King's yard, where timber is much wanted. Goods were purchaſed in return, or ſpecie ſent out, but generally the former. The American commiſſary of priſoners charged the captain and mariners as American priſoners, and received of equal rank and number in return. One of theſe captains has been five times in New-York ſince laſt ſpring. A great number of perſons are charged, chiefly in New-Jerſey, who it is hoped by this time, are ſafe in the hands of juſtice, and will meet their deſerts. No leſs than three of theſe captains came out laſt Saturday, viz. James Steelman, John Shaw, and William Black, who are all apprehended and in priſon. One Atkinſon, another of the gang, made his eſcape into New-Jerſey.

Dec. 5. By a gentleman who arrived laſt evening from Boſton we have received an account, that a twenty gun ſhip was ſeen ſtanding in for that harbour, which was ſuppoſed to be the Ariel, commanded by captain John Paul Jones; which is very likely to be the caſe, as we have certain intelligence that ſhe was deſtined for that port.

Friday laſt arrived in this city the chevalier de Chatellaux, mareſchal de camp, one of the forty of the French academy, a gentleman no leſs conſpicuous in the republic of letters than in the profeſſion of arms. The general was attended by his aids, the baron de Monteſquieu, grandſon of the great Monteſquieu, captain Lynch, and colonel Dupleſſis.

A gentleman from New-Jerſey informs us of the following brilliant action by major Talmage, of the 2d regiment of light dragoons. About a week ago the major with 80 of his regiment diſmounted croſſed from Connecticut to Long-Iſland: leaving 20 men with his boats, he proceeded with the reſt to a fort at Smith-town, which he completely ſurpriſed; but the garriſon taking to ſome houſes within the works, and firing from the windows, obliged the major to force them, in doing which 7 of the enemy were killed: fifty privates and four officers were immediately taken priſoners: major Talmage then deſtroyed the fortification, and burnt 300 tons of hay, together with a ſmall veſſel loaded; ſoon after embarked, and landed ſafe with his priſoners in Connecticut.

Extract of a letter from major-general Gates, to congreſs, dated November 14, 1780.

"This inſtant major Bruin, late aid de camp to major-general Sullivan, arrived in camp, and acquaints me that general Sumpter, in conſequence of orders I gave him at Hillſborough to act upon the weſt ſide of the Wateree, had, after a ſevere conteſt with major Wemyſs, defeated him and his whole command, having wounded and taken the major priſoner, with twenty-five of his party: many were left dead on the ground, and a conſiderable number of fine horſes and arms fell alſo into the hands of general Sumpter. In the pocket of major Wemyſs was found a liſt of the whigs houſes he had burnt upon Peedee, which, with all his papers, as ſoon as I receive them, ſhall be tranſmitted to congreſs. The enemy do not now poſſeſs a ſingle poſt eaſt of George-town, or north of Camden; while colonel Marian and general Harrington command the country eaſt of the Santee, and are continually interrupting the enemy's craft upon this river."

Publiſhed by order of congreſs,
CHARLES THOMSON, ſecr.

ANNAPOLIS, *Dec.* 15.

The following paragraphs are extracted from late London papers, viz. When the king was informed of the capture of the Eaſt and Weſt-India fleet, by Don Louis de Cordova, he was immediately ſeized with horrid paroxyſms, indicating the moſt violent ſymptoms of that ſpecies of madneſs, which attends perſons in the eaſt, when bit by a tarantula. Lord North, the chief phyſician in politics, ſent directly for the band

of ſtate fidlers, who having, as on ſuch occaſions is uſual, played over ſeveral delectable tunes to humour his majeſty's diſorder; they at laſt fiddled him into his ſenſes, but he unfortunately relapſed again—lord North caught the diſorder, and in a moment, with epedemic ſwiftneſs, the whole court by its baneful influence, were in a ſtate of lunacy—Her majeſty the queen leaped out of bed naked as Venus; and the prince of Wales appeared as bare as Apollo of Delphi—The maids of honour forgot their modeſty; the lords in waiting forgot their breeches. A general tumult enſued.—The guards—the menial domeſtics—and the lords of the council, with their ſecretaries, mingled together in the great anti-chamber, tag-rag and bobtail, where they danced and capered to and fro, belly to belly, back to back, right and left, hands acroſs, &c. The doctors are diſputing on the nature of the diſtemper—the doctors of divinity are preparing to exorciſe the ſpirit of madneſs which poſſeſſed the court—the doctors of law are taking down notes of the caſe—the doctors of phyſick are preparing clyſters and emeticks, to drive the diſorder up and down, and the undertakers of the kingdom are ſnuffing for the funerals of ſuch as might become defunct.

The grand fleet under the command of admiral Geary is to be reinforced with ſeveral capital ſhips, and to ſail again in the courſe of this week down the channel for the protection of the fleets that are daily expected.

All the civil officers who had retired from Charles-town, and were living here on penſions, have had this alternative given them—to receive a years ſalary, and return immediately, or be ſtruck off the penſion liſt.

The loſs to government, and the army and navy in America, by the late capture will be very great, for twenty of the Weſt-India ſhips were entirely laden with ſtores, proviſions, &c. for their uſe, and amongſt other valuable articles, there were no leſs than 39,000 ſacks of flour.

Extract of a letter from Plymouth, Auguſt 22.

"On Sunday night ſeveral American priſoners eſcaped from mill priſon in this neighbourhood, among whom was the well known captain Cunningham, taken only about two months ago; they were luckily ſtopped yeſterday morning, on the point of ſetting off in a poſt-chaiſe for Exeter, and ſafely lodged in the black-hole, where Mr. Cunningham's golden key, which he has twice ſucceſsfully made uſe of, will probably be of no further avail."

On the 2d of this month a very extraordinary ſight was ſeen at Kirton-le-Moor, in Cumberland: a man, his wife, and thirty of their children, walking to the chriſtening of the thirty-firſt. The youngeſt of the walkers was two years and five months.

ANECDOTE.

IN the reign of Edward the ſixth, king of England, the duke of Somerſet, a privy counſellor, was proſecuted for conſpiring againſt the life of the duke of Northumberland, the marquis of Northampton, and the earl of Pembroke, three other privy counſellors. Upon his trial, Northumberland, the moſt aſpiring yet abject and unprincipled man in the nation, together with Northampton and Pembroke, the other offended counſellors, were ſo totally void of common decency, as to appear and vote among his judges, a majority of whom were probably Northumberland's creatures; and thus ſhamefully were the principles of common juſtice violated, in order to enſure Somerſet's condemnation. Hiſtory, however, for this their infamous conduct, has done the world the juſtice to hold them up to perpetual execration: Northumberland enjoyed his victory but a little while, for in about two years afterwards he attoned for his crimes on the ſcaffold.

December 14, 1780.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC SALE, on Saturday the 30th inſtant, at Elk-Ridge Landing,

TWO likely young NEGROES, the one a BOY and the other a GIRL. The ſale to begin between two and three o'clock.

TAKEN up as a ſtray, by Edward Gaither, junior, at Elk-Ridge, a brown horſe, about fourteen hands high, with a ſmall ſtar and ſnip, ſhod before, has ſome ſaddle ſpots, has been branded on the near buttock, but too imperfect to be underſtood, trots and gallops, and is ſuppoſed to be about twelve years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3w

Northumberland county, Virginia, Oct. 24.

RAN away from the ſubſcriber, a mulatto ſlave named John Wiggins, a carpenter and ſawyer by trade, he alſo profeſſes a good deal of the tinkers buſineſs, and to be very ſkilful in horſes and diſeaſes incident thereto; had on when he went away, a pair of white cotton breeches, and white woollen jacket ſtriped with black yarn, what cloaths he carried with him is uncertain; he is a likely fellow, about thirty-nine years old, broad ſquare ſhoulders, and light eyes, about five feet ſix or ſeven inches high, very talkative when intoxicated, which is frequent when he can get liquor; he is ſuppoſed to have gone on board a veſſel belonging to Mr. John Turberville, of Weſtmorland county, which ſet out for Baltimore the day he eloped, and I ſuppoſe intends to paſs as a freeman. I will give fifty pounds reward to any perſon that will ſecure him in gaol and give me the earlieſt information, provided he is out of the ſtate, if in the ſtate, I will reward any perſon genteelly.

ELIZABETH KENNER.

500 CONTINENTAL DOLLARS REWARD.

Greenberry's-point, Oct. 2, 1780.

RAN away from the ſubſcriber, the 2d of July laſt, a negro woman named SUE; ſhe is about forty years of age, very black, and has a wen on her brow by the border of her hair (or wool) the only certain mark to deſcribe her by; as ſhe has a variety of cloaths, among which there is a tartan gown, a white linen ditto, a callico ditto, a ſtriped ſilk jacket, a new country made linſey woolſey jacket and petticoat, with others of country cloth, &c. When ſhe went away, her intention was to go to Holland with a free mulatto named Mark Stubbs, a moſt notorious villain, who intended to paſs her as his wife and free; he went from Baltimore in a ſhip called the Enterpriſe, and ſhe was diſappointed in her ſcheme by the ſhip not ſtopping at Annapolis; ſhe has ſince, as I am informed, been ſeen and harboured in Annapolis by Mr. Dulany's negroes, and in Baltimore county, between the town and Elk-ridge landing, by ſome free negroes and negroes of Mrs. Owings, who are her brother and daughters; ſhe has been frequently in Baltimore town on Sundays, and at nights at a mulatto woman's houſe named Sal Needam, who lives among the French houſes; ſhe is ſiſter to Stubbs and harbours her. Any perſon who will ſecure her in any gaol in this or any other ſtate ſhall receive the above reward, and if brought home reaſonable charges, paid by

DAVID KERR.

Charles county, Auguſt 23, 1780.

BROKE gaol yeſterday evening and made their eſcape, the two following fellows, to wit: A negro man committed to my cuſtody as a runaway, on the 21ſt of July laſt, by the name of GEORGE, the property of John Nelſon, (I have been ſince informed of Frederick county) he is a ſmall fellow, and appears to be young, he is a Guinean, but ſpeaks tolerable good Engliſh, and appears to be very artful and cunning; had on and took with him when he made his eſcape, an old white linen ſhirt, a country linen ditto, a pair ſhort linen breeches, and a felt hat And a negro man named PETER, the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, committed to my cuſtody on the 10th inſt. for poiſoning, he is much ſtricken in years, and talks bad Engliſh; had on a country linen ſhirt, and old country cloth breeches. Whoever apprehends the ſaid negroes, and ſecures them in any gaol, ſo that I get them again, ſhall receive a reward of one hundred and fifty continental dollars for each, or either of them, and all reaſonable charges paid, and if brought home to me, one dollar for every mile above thirty. tf

BENJAMIN CAWOOD, jun. ſheriff.

November 13, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the veſtrymen, churchwardens, and other inhabitants of St. Paul's pariſh, in Prince-George's county, intend in due time to prefer a petition to the legiſlature, for the ſupport of the chriſtian religion in that pariſh, for repairing the church, and other parochial charges. 4 3w

THERE is at the plantation of David Scott, in Anne-Arundel county, a ſmall dark brown horſe, about 12 hands and a half high, has a ſmall white ſpot on his forehead, and a little white on his near hind foot, paces and trots, and about four years old next ſpring, is neither branded or ear-marked. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3 w3

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE, Nov. 3, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that this committee will ſit at the ſtadt-houſe from 10 o'clock in the afternoon until 5 on each day during the preſent ſeſſion of aſſembly.

By order,

G. RANKEN, cl. com.

Charles-county, William and Mary pariſh, October 8, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the publication of this advertiſement, a petition will be preferred to the general aſſembly of this ſtate, praying that a law may be paſſed, to tax the pariſhoners of the pariſh aforeſaid, for the purpoſe of repairing the glebe houſing.

Signed by order of the veſtry,

T. HARRIS, regr.

Office for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts.

THE commiſſioners find it neceſſary, for the public ſervice, to give further notice, that the honourable aſſembly, at their March ſeſſion, 1780, enacted a law, entitled "An ſupplement to the act for the aſſeſſment of property," the IVth ſection whereof is as follows:—"*And be it enacted*, That the ſeveral collectors, at the time of ſettlement of their accounts with the commiſſioners of the tax for their county, ſhall account to the ſaid commiſſioners for the treble tax due by law in their counties reſpectively, and the ſaid collectors ſhall pay the treble tax by them collected, or which by law they ought to collect, to the treaſurer of his ſhore, at the time appointed by law for the payment of the public aſſeſſment, and in caſe of default they ſhall be anſwerable for and liable to pay an intereſt of 20 per cent on the ſaid ſums; *and every collector, who hath collected the treble tax, and omitted to pay the ſame into the treaſury, and every collector who by law ought to have collected the treble tax, ſhall be accountable for the treble tax due by law in his county to the commiſſioners for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts.*"—And, whereas the duty enjoined by law on the collectors hath in many inſtances been totally neglected, and in others only in part complied with, the ſeveral collectors will therefore be pleaſed to take notice of the neceſſity there is for making due returns and payments regularly for the future, and that a report of the proceedings on this law will be laid before the honourable aſſembly at their next meeting.

Signed per order

T. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Charles county, October 18, 1780.

I HAVE in my cuſtody, committed as a runaway, a negro man named HARRY, who ſays he belongs to Patterſon Fletcher, of Culpepper county in Virginia; he is a ſhort well ſet fellow, about twenty-four years of age, and ſpeaks good Engliſh; had on when brought to gaol, an old white country cloth jacket, and an old pair of country linen trouſers. His maſter is deſired to pay charges and take him away.

BENJ. CAWOOD, jun. ſheriff.

THERE is at the plantation of Elizabeth Hall, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a ſtray, a ſmall bright bay horſe, about 12 hands high, branded on the near thigh with a ſtrait mark, has ſeveral ſaddle ſpots, and is about 10 years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3w

THERE is at the plantation of Oliver Carr, near Clifford's ferry, in Prince-George's county, a ſmall ſorrel horſe, three years old, thirteen hands high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, branded upon the near buttock with a fork. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3w

THERE is at the plantation of John Bruce, near Piſcattaway church, in Charles county, a ſmall black BULL, about three years old, marked with a crop in the right ear, and a ſwallow-fork in the left. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3w

FOR SALE,

A STRONG healthy NEGRO MAN, 22 years of age, has ſerved 12 years in a merchant mill, and is complete in that buſineſs. No other motive than his having attempted to eſcape to the enemy induces the proprietor to diſpoſe of him. Any perſon deſirous to purchaſe is requeſted to apply to colonel William Fitzhugh, Calvert county.

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